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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

Peter SCHUBERT et al. :

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Serial No.: 09/372,036 :

Examiner: P. Baskar

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated May 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims.

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--71. (New) An isolated antibody of claim 43 which consists essentially of an antibody which specifically binds to an epitope from the peptides of SEQ ID NO: 17, 20, 26, 29, 30 or 31.

72. (New) An isolated antibody of claim 43, wherein said animal is a sheep, goat, rabbit or mouse.--